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JOINT EMBASSY/COMUSJAPAN MESSAGE

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1. EMBASSY/COMUSJAPAN COMMENTS ON GOJ PRESENTATION IN MARCH 25
SCG MEETING, REPORTED REFTEL, FOLLOW:

2. ALTHOUGH WE TAKE KUBO'S DISCLAIMER AT FACE VALUE THAT HE IS
NOT SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GOJ, EMBASSY CONSIDERS NEVERTHELESS THAT
MANY OF HIS COMMENTS REFLECT POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT IDEAS AND MERIT
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY US. RUNNING THROUGHOUT KUBO'S SUGGESTIONS
WAS THE THEME THAT THE EMERGING SECURITY SITUATION IN ASIA DEMANDS

GREATER FLOW OF INFORMATION, CONSULTATION, AND MUTUAL FORMULATION OF
POLICIES BETWEEN ALLIES (I.E. JAPAN AND US). NAKAMURA REFLECTED SAME
IDEA, AND WE FEEL THAT THEIR APPEAL FOR DEEPER US-GOJ CONSULTATIONS
ON

SECURITY MATTERS IS ONE THAT IS NOT REPEAT NOT CONFINED TO JDA, BUT
IS PERVASIVE IN UPPER LEVELS OF GOJ DEALING WITH SECURITY MATTERS.
EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GREATER FLOW OF HIGH VALUE INTELLIGENCE AND
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FORTHRIGHT COMMUNICATION CONCERNING DEVELOPING POLICES WOULD BE

IN OUR INTERESTS, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE.

3. MUCH OF KUBO'S SCHEME IS TIED TO CONCEPT OF FOUR-POWER RELATIONSHIP AMONG US, JAPAN, USSR AND PRC. WHILE AT FIRST GLANCE KUBO MAY APPEAR TO BE SUGGESTING THAT JAPAN BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE GREAT POWER CLUB WITHOUT THE KINDS OF STRATEGIC INTERESTS AND POTENTIALS OF THE OTHERS, WE FEEL THAT HE IS QUITE RIGHT IN HIS FUNDAMENTAL OBSERVATION THAT JAPAN, WITH OR WITHOUT A MASSIVE STRATEGIC CAPABILITY, IS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE ASIAN STRATEGIC CONTEXT AND MUST, THEREFORE, BE CONSIDERED THE FOURTH INDISPENSABLE PART OF THE GREAT POWER RELATIONSHIP IN THIS AREA.

4. OF COURSE, MANY OF KUBO'S SUGGESTIONS ARE IDEALISTIC AND ARE MEANING-

FUL, IF AT ALL, ONLY IN THE LONG TERM. NEVERTHELESS, HIS INTIMATIONS THAT JAPAN ITSELF MAY BE WILLING TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN EFFORTS SUCH AS ENCOURAGING THE EMERGENME OF PRC INTO THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND IN WORKING TOWARDS BROADER CONCEPTS OF ASIAN REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS MAY WELL BE WORTH OUR FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT.

5. WE WERE SOMEWAHT SURPRISED BY KUBO'S CRITICISM OF US POLICY AS REFLECTED IN HIS OBSERVATIONS THAT THE NIXON DOCTRINE CREATES TENSION IN ASIAN SOCIETIES BY APPEARING TO INSIST ON INDIGENOUS MILITARY EFFORTS, IN OPPOSITION TO ASIAN PARAMOUNT CONCERNS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND HIS ASSERTION THE USG GIVES UNMERITED WEIGHT TO EFFICACY OF MILITARY RESPONSES.

6. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT GENERAL NAKAMURA'S SUGGESTION FOR NON-MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. WHILE IN ONE RESPECT HIS PROPOSAL APPEARS TO CALL MERELY FOR MORE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN USG AND GOJ, WE BELIEVE IT IS MORE THAN THAT. FIRST, WE BELIEVE THAT NAKAMURA IS SAYING THAT MILITARY-TO-MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANNING CAN HAVE LITTLE VALIDITY IF POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE OMITTED FROM PLANNING PRECEPTS. SECOND, WE BELIEVE THAT NAKAMURA AND KUBO TOGETHER ARE REFLECTING GREATER GOJ WILLINGNESS TO BE INVOLVED IN, AND TAKE PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR, FORMULATION OF COORDINGATED
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USG-GOJ RESPONSES TO SECURITY THREATS. EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT IN OUR INTERESTS TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE CONCEPT OF NON-MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

7. EMBASSY PLANS TO DEVELOP FOR DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION SOME SUGGESTIONS RESPECTING OUR RESPONSES IN THE NEXT SCG MEETING, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED

FOR APRIL 22, TO JAPANESE PRESENTATION IN TENTH SCG MEETING. IN
ADDITION, WE HOPE TO PROVIDE MORE DEVELOPED THOUGHTS CONCERNING SOME
OF KUBO AND NAKAMURA'S SUGGESTIONS. IN MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY DEPARTMENT REACTIONS TO JAPANESE PRESENTATION AND ANY GUIDANCE
RESPECTING NEXT MEETING.

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